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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

A HORRID STORY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The "Petit Parisien" publishes new details of the murder of the Russian imperial family, according to which the grand-duchesses were violated under the eyes of their parents before they were killed.

GERMANY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
Amsterdam has a message from Berlin that General Baron von Hammerstein, has been appointed President of the German Armistice commission in succession to Winterfeldt.

THE MOVING PROLETARIAT.

UNION EXECUTIVE
DISAPPROVES.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The Executive of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has issued a statement disapproving of the present unofficial strikes, and urging members to resume work immediately, thus to enable responsible trade-union executives to enter into negotiations with employers. The Executive further states that a firm stand must be taken against the unofficial strike movement.

SOCIALIST DEBATE AT BERNE.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
Berne reports that a feature of the Socialist Conference hitherto has been the decision to enquire who was responsible for the war. The French delegates, Messrs. Mistral, Renaudel, and Thomas, quoted many well-known facts showing that Germany was wholly responsible, and they sarcastically referred to the part played by German Majority Socialists. The German delegate Herr Wells alleged that Russia was responsible. He dwelt on the terrible effects of the blockade, and promised that the old regime in Germany would never be restored.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS HUMILIATING EXPLANATION.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
Herr Branting emphasised the point that attempts to rally the internationalists against war in 1914 failed because the rulers of the Central Powers succeeded in making their people believe it was a question of defence of the fatherland. He declared this conference was called to give President Wilson the support of the workers. If this Conference only succeeded in incorporating an international labour charter in the League of Nations treaty, it would be justified. Herr Branting declared that socialism must be realised by an ordered collective production, and not by terrorism by minorities.

THREAT TO GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The Press Bureau says the Ministry of Labour received two resolutions passed at unofficial conferences in London of the Engineering and Electrical Unions demanding that the Government intervene at Clyde, Belfast, and London with a view to introducing legislation to secure a national forty-hour week with the object of absorbing unemployment. The resolutions included the statement that if the Government refuses a general cessation will occur on Feb. 6, and in the case of the Electrical Union it is intended to stop the power-stations of London.

Agreements already exist between the unions and the employers fixing a 47 hours week and the executives of some Unions concur in the Government's view that the circumstances do not justify Government intervention.

GOVERNMENT UNSYMPATHETIC.

LONDON, Feb. 5.
The War Cabinet has refused to receive a deputation of locomotive engineers. Mr. Bonar Law pointed out that when the Cabinet agreed to an eight hours day, it was clearly understood by the Government and the Engineers it was to be an eight hours working day. Hence there was no room for misunderstanding.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

ORDER OF BENCHES.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The House of Commons reassembled this afternoon. The House was crowded everywhere. Sir Donald MacLean, the newly elected chairman of the remnant of the Asquithian party, Mr. Adamson, the Parliamentary Chairman of the Labour Party, with Messrs. Clynnes, Hodge, and Will Crooks, were among those on the front Opposition bench. Behind them were the Asquithian Liberals and Labour Party. The Opposition benches below the gangway were filled by an overflow of Unionists from the Ministerial benches. The only member of the War Cabinet on the Treasury bench was Mr. Bonar Law, with whom were the Food Controller, the Minister for Education, and number of Whips.

SPEAKER CARRIES ON.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
Mr. J. W. Lowther was re-elected Speaker. All parties congratulated him. He said he was prepared to remain at least a year, and possibly, two. (Cheers) He desired to be there when the signing of peace was announced from the Treasury bench. (loud cheers). The House adjourned.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

GREEK CLAIMS.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
A communique from Paris to-day says the representatives of the great Powers, after hearing M. Venizelos' statement, resolved to refer the question of Greek territorial interests to an expert committee composed of two representatives each from the United States, the British Empire, France, and Italy.

SERVICE CONCERT.

FAREWELL TO LYEMUN GARRISON.

Lieut. H.P. Thornewill and a part of the Lyemun Garrison Company are going Home on demobilization. A farewell concert was given last night, by the 83rd R.G.A., at which Captain E.S. Lucy, the C.O., and Officers, as well as Service and civilian guests were present. Gunner C. Blagborough was the accompanist.

First came a little play, in which C.Q.M.S. Clark, Lt. C. Gordon, Gr. W. Ostle, Trp. C. Ansell, Gr. A. Gregory, Gr. O.V. Jones, and Grs. Wright, Gough and Middleton performed very effectively.

Musical numbers were given by Gr. R. Gough, C.Q.M.S. Clark, Gr. T. Wright, Lt. C. Gordon, Gr. O.V. Jones, Gr. A. Gregory, Trp. C. Ansell, Gr. W. Middleton, Gr. C. Blagborough, Sgts. Knight and Allott, and Lt. H. Torr.

The features were such as this Company is famous for, smart and up-to-date topical hits. Favourites seemed to be Wright, Gregory, Clark, while Lt. Gordon as the wife of the Vicar of Shaukiwan was considered a triumphant female impersonator. Many of the others had "encores." It was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful affair.

At the conclusion, Lieut. Thorne will thanked Captain Lucy and the 83rd Co., for the splendid send off, given to his draft, and hoped that the remainder would not have long to wait.

Most of the arrangements were made by the capable organiser the company possesses in C.Q.M. Sergt. Clark.

Butterfield and Swire announce that the "Cyclops" which is in the stream loading, will sail at noon tomorrow for Pacific ports: the "Pyrrhus" will arrive here from the United Kingdom, via Singapore, on Sunday; the "Elpenor" passed the canal on February 2; for Hongkong, Wangtau, and Japan, and is due here on February 25; the "Atrides" will arrive from the United Kingdom on Sunday; the "Teltesias" will sail on the 23rd of February for London via Straits; the "Agamemnon" will sail on the 21st of February for Liverpool via Straits.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

THE MOVING PROLETARIAT.

LONDONERS' FLIGHT.

LONDON, February 4th.
The strike situation in London has become worse. The motor-men of the District Railway are out to-day. Amazing scenes were witnessed in London last evening. The main arteries to the leading suburbs were crowded with people tramping homewards. The West End theatres and restaurants were half empty.

Great public indignation is felt at the action of the motor-men, and this is shared by the Trade Unionists generally. The big Unions are warning members against the folly of unauthorised strikes.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

LONDON, February 4th.
At a meeting of the Electrical Trades Union of London, it was decided to strike on Thursday, unless the Government accede to their demand to intervene in the existing disputes on the Clyde, at Belfast and elsewhere, with a view to establishing a national forty-hour week. The men's representatives declare that this will mean the complete paralysation of the London lighting and electric railways.

GLASGOW MEN RESUMING.

LONDON, February 4th.
The strike situation in Glasgow continues to improve. Sixty per cent. of the strikers at the Calumet Works and a number at the Linthouse shipyard resumed work. The Govan and Whiteinch shipwrights will be resuming work to-morrow, if protection is afforded them.

Signs are increasing of the collapse of the Glasgow strike. A general resumption is expected on Wednesday.

NO CHANGE AT BELFAST.

LONDON, February 4th.
The situation in Belfast remains unchanged. LONDON, February 4th. A campaign is afoot to convene a representative Trade Union Conference to deal with the whole trouble on national lines.

AMERICAN LABOUR.

NEW YORK, February 2nd.
Most of the textile mills in New England have adopted a forty-eight hour week. Many operatives in Massachusetts have struck for similar hours.

Several thousand silk-workers in New Jersey were locked out to-day, for insisting on a forty-seven hour week. Twenty-five thousand workers, subsequently, struck in sympathy. Ninety per cent. of the silk industry is at a standstill. Millowners are insisting on a fifty-four hour week.

NEW YORK, February 4th.
Five thousand textile workers are idle, owing to lack of orders. Strike leaders declare that the lock-out is really on account of their demand for a forty-eight hour week.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

BERNE, February 4th.
The International Conference opened this afternoon. Twenty-one countries were represented by eighty delegates. Others are expected. Switzerland and Belgium were not represented. Mr. Arthur Henderson, in opening the meeting, explained that the Conference was convened according to the desire of political labour Trades Union organisations, to bring to the fullest measure, the influence of the working class to bear on the world's peace problems. Mr. Branting was elected President.

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CRICKET.

T. YORROW'S FIXTURES.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Civil Service v. C.R.C. On the Chinese Recreation Club ground at 2.15.
Craigengower v. R.G.A. On the Craigengower ground at 2.15.
University v. R.E. On the University ground at 2.15.

FRIENDLY.

H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. On the K.C.C. ground at 2.15.
Navy v. Indian R.C. On the Naval ground at 2.30.

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R.G.A.—Lieuts: Sutherland, Colman, and Torr; Sergeants: Athorne, Drummond, Talfourd and Graham. Corp.: Mann, Bombr, Sharmar, Gunners Baines and Middleton.
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University—R. A. Ponsorby Fane, F. A. Redmond, K. S. Lin, D. K. Samy, M. P. Choa, W. Gittens, J. D. Wright, G. E. Marley, T. L. Cheah, V. Alerza, and A. H. Rumpah.
K.C.C.—J. P. Robinson, C. J. Stapleton, D. M. Goodall, H. Overy, R. Pestonji, A. D. W. Dowling, E. J. Edwards, J. H. Mead, H. H. Taylor, A. de Souza and J. D. Birrell.

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carpets, rugs,
etc., etc., etc.Mahogany & teak extension dining
tables, chairs, sideboards, dinner wa-
gon and silver cabinet, ice chest, pic-
nic, ornaments, dinner services,
electric-plated ware, cut-glass, cutlery,
etc., etc., etc.Brass, teak and iron bedsteads, single
and double teak wardrobes with bevel-
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charged to the East of Bay View Police
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fare shall be chargeable.**II.—In Kowloon.**Quarter hour, 5 cents.
Half hour, 10 "
One hour, 15 "
Every subsequent hour, 20 "Twenty cents shall be added
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of an hour if the hire causes
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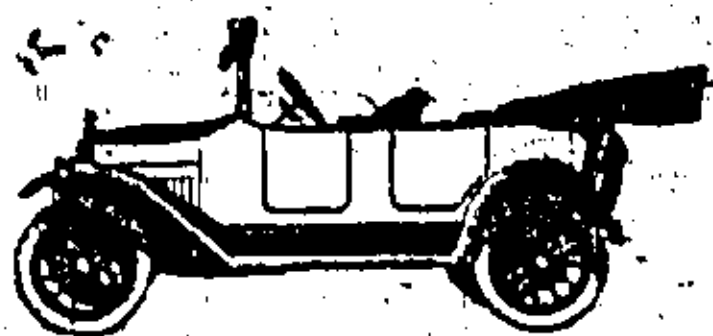
return \$1.50 3 hours.

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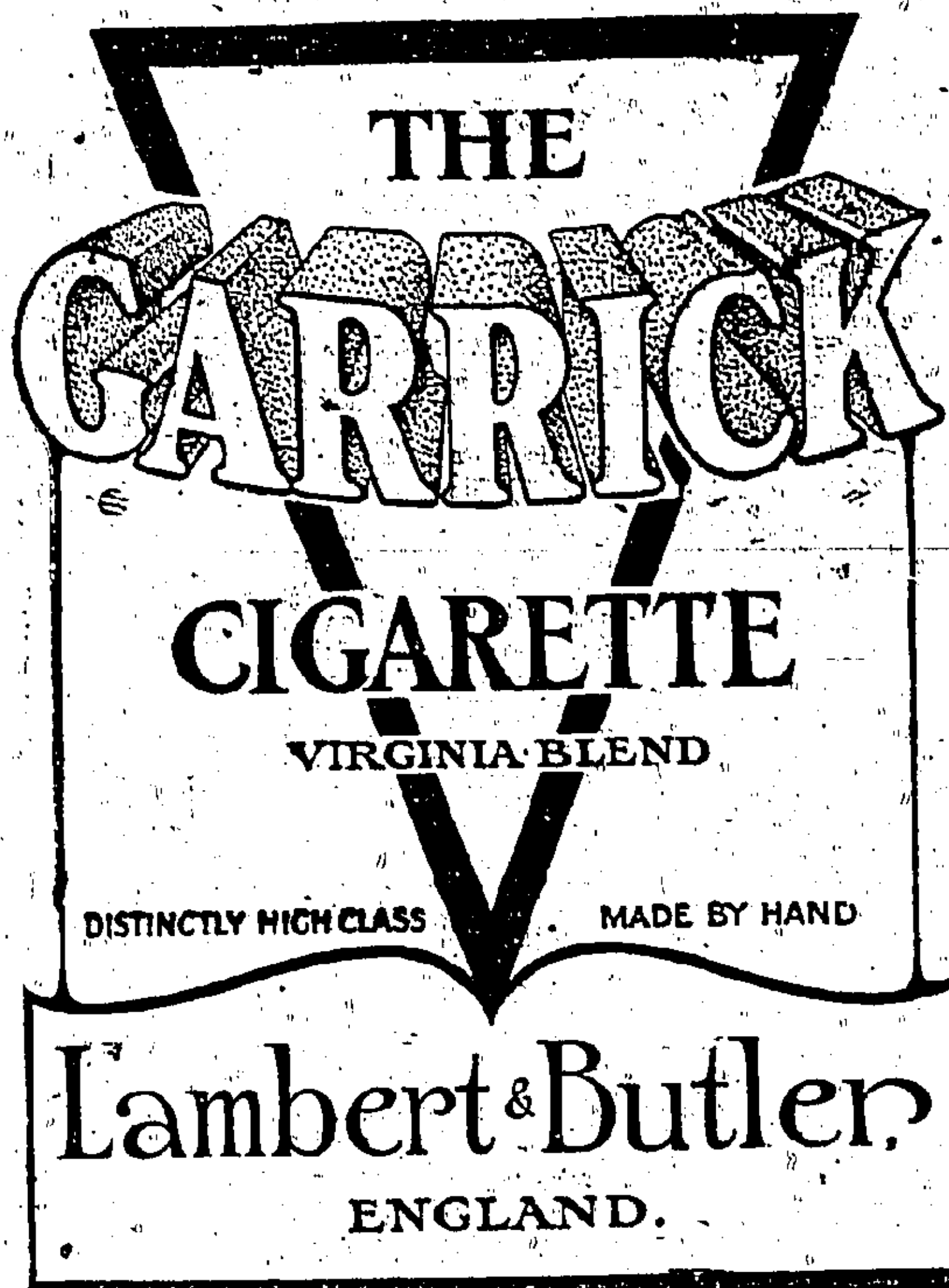
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the miners' demand for a six-hour
day: "Practically, labour at present
is represented by those to whom the
war brought greater security of em-
ployment, and higher pay than was
ever known before, and, also, there
had to be a very large toleration of
unreasonableness, and reculer con-
cessions to labour demands than can
be expected in normal times. Labour
has been to a certain extent spoiled.
There is an all-round demand for an
eight-hour day and the miners have
gone one better, in spite of coal
famine, and are asking that their
day be one of six hours only. When
men ask that their work hours shall
be a mere quarter of the day they
are not demanding justice, they are
simply condemning their class to a
continuation of the misery and de-
gradation of pre-war times. For a
nation which will not give a fair
day's work for a fair day's pay is
bound to go backwards. It cannot
stand up against the competition of
nations, which are ready to work
honestly." Surely this wholly misses
the point. Labour in a coal mine is
not like labour in an editorial chair,
and perhaps six hours of it would be
enough. The hours should, natu-
rally, vary with the nature of the job.
The more exhausting kinds of work
should be less prolonged; in any fairly
adjusted community.**A COLD ORDEAL.**On January 19 "swimming in the
cold" was performed in the Simon-
dogawa, Amagasaki, under the aus-
pices of the Amagasaki Martial Spirit
Society, reports the "Japan Chroni-
cle." A dozen young men, some
students of Middle Schools, and
others teachers of Primary Schools
or employees of business companies,
took part in the performance. They
were first examined by a physician,
and all passing muster; they stripped
themselves of all clothing except the
joints, and greased their bodies.
They plunged into the river one by
one and swam for periods varying
from 2 min. 49 sec. to 7 min. 20
sec. The weather was particularly
cold, the water of the river being 4
degrees Centigrade. All the swim-
mers came out of the ordeal none the
worse. One of them says that when
he jumped into the water he felt as
if he had been stung all over the
body, but after he got his breath he
swam all right.**TREMELBYE RUBBER.**The twelfth annual general meet-
ing of shareholders of the Tremelbye
Rubber Company, Limited, was held
at London, on December 3, Mr. Nor-
man W. Greve presiding. He moved
that the report and accounts, as pre-
sented, be approved and adopted,
and that a final dividend of 20 per
cent., less income tax (making 35
per cent. for the year ended June 30,
1918), be paid.**HEVEA RUBBER TRUST.**The report of the Hevea Rubber
Trust for the year ended June 30 last
states that owing to shipping re-
strictions having been more acute,
the companies in which the trust is
interested have been obliged to cur-
tail the distribution of dividends in-
stead of increasing them. The re-
venue of the trust has thus suffered
and no distribution can be made out
of the profit derived from invest-
ments. Profit amounted to £1,341,
£1,074 was brought forward, making
£2,415. The directors propose to
write off the whole of the preliminary
expenses remaining—namely, £2,000
—leaving £415 to be carried forward.
Investments have undergone hardly
any change during the year. The
acreage owned by the trust as form-
ing part of the estates in which funds
are embarked aggregates just over
1,550 acres of rubber, all of which
will very shortly be producing. In-
vestments in rubber thus work out
at about £42 per acre.**LANGKON NORTH BORNEO
RUBBER.**The output amounted to 251,080
lbs., against 249,064 lbs. The total
number of trees being tapped at the
end of March was about 74,000;
average yield per tree, 3.84 lbs.,
average yield per acre, 848 lbs. dry
rubber. The quality is highly satis-
factory and commands the full mar-
ket price. Crop consisted of about
78.64 per cent. No. 1 quality and
21.36 per cent. of other grades.
Average gross price was 1s. 11½d.
per lb., and cost of production, in-
cluding depreciation, 1s. 2½d. per
lb., all-in cost being 1s. 6d. per lb.
Estimated crop for current year is
300,000 lbs., the actual output for
first six months being 184,000 lbs.
Profit and loss shows that £14,164
was brought forward, and, after de-
ducting dividend of 10 per cent. paid
December, 1917, £7,928, and amount
repaid to British North Borneo Com-
pany on account of guaranteed divi-
dend advances, £3,455, there is left
£2,752; profit was £2,454, making
£5,206, which is proposed to carry
forward.**LORD BUXTON AT PRETORIA.**Lord Buxton, addressing an enthu-
siastic, thanksgiving service at Pre-
toria attended by 7,000 Indian
natives and coloured people, paid a
high tribute to the coloured com-
munity's share in the war, particu-
larly the Cape Corps and the native
non-combatants, and conveying an
expression of the King's warm ap-
preciation of their loyalty, good con-
duct, and assistance. Contrasting
the British and German treatment
of natives, the Governor-General
pointed out that in what was former-
ly South West Africa, the population
of 130,000 natives in 1904 had been
reduced to 38,000 by 1911! The Ger-
mans having killed the rest, men,
women, and children.**CHEERS FOR THE BOLSHEVIKS.**A demonstration to demand the
release of John Maclean and all po-
litical prisoners was held in Finsbury
Park on Nov. 24. The speakers de-
clared in favour of revolution and
cheers were given for the Bolsheviki.
In addition to a resolution demand-
ing the release of the prisoners, a
further resolution was carried with
cheers declaring that, unless John
Maclean were released in a reason-
able time, "this meeting of workers
recommends a down tools policy."
The waving of a red flag and the
singing of the revolutionary song
attended the carrying of the resolu-
tion.**AUSTRALIAN PARS.**The accident in Hyde Park to
Miss Marjorie Coghlan, daughter of
Mr. Thomas Coghlan, former Agent-
General for New South Wales, has
had fatal results. Miss Coghlan,
who was 17 years of age, was riding
with her sister in Rotten-row when
the horse took fright and ran away.
She was thrown and rendered un-
conscious.A Melbourne telegram says:
Simenoff, the unrecognized Bolshe-
vik representative in Australia, has
been fined £50 on each of two
charges recently brought against him
under the War Precautions Act,
which prohibits aliens from address-
ing meetings.The steamer "Torrens" left
Liverpool on November 26, for Aus-
tralia with about 600 passengers,
these being mainly women and
children who had come over from
Australia some time ago, and who
had to wait for an opportunity to
get back again.**G. FALCONER & CO., LTD.****WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS.****Hotel Mansions.**Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS,
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 1919.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

Although we are not particularly envious of his intellect, Lord Charles Bessford is a man after our own heart. We despise the Englishman who talks humbug about "bearing the white man's burden," and that sort of thing, posing, pharisaically as virtuous when he is being merely naturally and healthily greedy. There has been a good deal of that sort of thing on our side; and we cannot blame foreigners for not loving us. Of course we are not proposing that we should go to the opposite and German extreme of being cynically frank about all our behaviour. A decent reticence is the distinguishing mark of a gentleman. Did you see how Lord Bessford spoke of the Americans and their supposedly different definition of the freedom of the seas? It thrilled. It was mainly talk, if indiscreet. He said, in effect, that none better than the Americans recognized the vital necessity to us of ruling the waves. They should be willing to come and help us, knowing our character, and what our navy had done in the past. If they didn't, but thought they could take our naval pre-eminence away from us—well, they couldn't—but they were welcome to try. That, he said, must be our national attitude. It probably will.

The "China Mail," without immodesty, may claim to have said almost the last word on this question in the last couple of months, giving the views fully of all the interested parties; and summing up as impartially as an English staff could manage. But such an utterance as that of Lord Charles Bessford may be said, in soldier diction, to have "put the tin hat" on further discussion. Consequently it was not without a suspicion of boredom that we set out to study the latest received pamphlet of the Navy League. All that stuff about "Britain being an island nation," and so on, becomes tedious with reiteration.

However, it was decidedly arresting to find the Navy League, of all bodies, saying that "the power of the sea can never be trusted to one Government." We thought that was precisely what the League was meant to support. Discussing "the idea of a strong, trustworthy International Alliance to preserve the freedom of the seas," the pamphlet, which is written by Arnold White, pointed out that the world owes to the English—after 1707 to the British—the boon of an open sea. "It has been said that International Law of the sea is what the strongest Sea Power chooses to make it." This, in almost identical words, is what the "China Mail" did say. Does Mr. Arnold White contradict it? Alas, it is hard to say. He is less terse and unambiguous than Lord Charles. He says: "Unless, however, international law is made by the strongest sea power and her allies, in the interests of all mankind in time of peace, it stands self-condemned in time of war." We suppose he means it is better to have right, as well as might on our side, in which case we agree. "The Power which always does right seldom has cause to fight. In any case, a close reading of his seven pages fails to unearth any new contribution to our knowledge of the subject, and so—after all—this article need not have been written. But it's done now, so . . .

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese was given six months imprisonment yesterday for harbouring a young girl without the consent of her parents.

The "China Mail" had a caller yesterday, named John R. Somers. He is a society entertainer, very British, who has been doing fairly well in Manila, and better still in Shanghai. His character sketches make an entertainment which should suit Hongkong. He usually prefers engagements in clubs and private houses, but may appear in a Hongkong theatre. Beyond that he must presently move on to Singapore and India, his plans are not yet definite.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 2 15-16d. which is a farthing more than yesterday.

The first game of the open billiard championship of the Colony takes place this evening at 9 o'clock at the Victoria Recreation Club between Messrs. Pile & Hart.

Mr. Gershom Stewart, the sitting member for the Wirral Division of Cheshire, has been returned unopposed to the new Parliament. Mr. Stewart was for many years in business in Hongkong, where he was a member of Legislative Council, and held various offices in the Colony. He has been member for Wirral since 1910.

There was a small attendance at the whist drive of the Naval Quadrille Club yesterday. Only 8 tables being occupied. Chief Writer Smith handed the prizes to the successful players, who were: Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Alderman; 2nd, Mrs. Phillips; Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. Steed; 2nd, Mr. L. G. Williams; 3rd, Mr. Bailey.

No further news has been received of the American seafarer, the "Sierra," who was reported to have been drowned in the collision which took place recently between a Sanitary Board launch and the boat in which he was being taken to the steamer. It should be mentioned that his name is Otto Van Santt, and not as previously reported.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ernald Barnardiston, Royal Engineers, has been gazetted a Chief Engineer with the rank of brigadier-general. Brigadier-general Barnardiston was a General Staff officer at Hongkong a few years ago, and he is a brother of Major-General N. W. Barnardiston, who commanded the troops in North China before the war, and commanded them in the siege and reduction of the German stronghold of Tsingtao.

Unprecedented prices were paid at Christie's for a small collection of Chinese egg-shell porcelain of the Kien-Lung period. The ten lots produced 2,440 guineas, the purchasers being Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Smith. The highest price, for a little bottle, enamelled with begonias, peonies, and birds on white ground, 8 in. high was 500 guineas; an oviform vase 7 1/2 in. high, 290 guineas; and two pairs of plates, 8 in. diameter, totalled 520 guineas.

BILLIARDS.

THE GARRISON TOURNAMENT.

STAFF AND DEPTS. v. R.G.A. SERGTS. MESS.

Staff Sgt. Lyth and Sgt. Gillard opened the games at the Soldiers' Club last night, a very even game resulting. Gillard scored a number of useful breaks but Lyth secured the verdict, winning by 14 points. Sgt. Major Sainsbury won the next game, defeating C.S.M. Pragnell by 46 points. Q.M. Sergt. Sherif completed the trio of wins for the Staff and Depts., beating Gunnery Instructor Youngman by 39 points. Four more games are to be played. The Staff and Depts. lead by 57 points. The best breaks last night were, Sainsbury, 27; 15; Gillard, 18, 18, 16; and Lyth, 18. The scores follow:

STAFF AND DEPTS.

Sgt. Stone	158
Staff Sgt. Lyth	200
Sgt. Major Sainsbury	200
Q.M. Sergt. Sherif	200
Total	758

R.G.A. SGTS. MESS.

Sgt. Talfourd	200
Sgt. Gillard	186
C.S.M. Pragnell	154
G.I. Youngman	161
Total	701

To-night the 83rd Co. R.G.A. and R.A.M.C. resume their match.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious disease when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

To-morrow 1st Division matches resume after a blank Saturday. Both the aspiring champions will be in the field, the Club opposing the Royal Engineers, and the Navy having to tackle South China Athletic. Both matches are in connection with the Hongkong League.

The Club look like adding to their lead. At present they have 10 points for 6 matches, a very good record, and if they win to-morrow will want a lot of overhauling with 12 points for 6 matches. After to-morrow the Club will only have the Navy to meet to complete their Hongkong League programme. They are likely winners this season.

Against South China the Navy haven't anything like an easy win on. They will find the Chinese a tough proposition and it is quite on the cards that the Chinese may win. If such a result occurred the Club can be regarded as the League winners.

In 2nd Division matches, Kowloon versus South China Ath. Reserves will be interesting. In both teams there is young talent and another year may see players from both Junior teams like these would be well advised to include in their teams only young players likely to improve, and not use those who have deteriorated and have descended from the 1st Division. Such will never be any use to the teams in the future.

The 87th and 83rd Co's R.G.A. meet on the Club ground, and as these teams met in mid-week in a R.A. Cup match, which the 83rd Co. won by a disputed goal, to-morrow's match is likely to be keenly contested.

Matches, venue, referees, etc., follow:

1st DIV. HONGKONG LEAGUE.

H.K.F.C. v. Royal Engineers. On the Club ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Tucker.

Royal Navy v. South China Athletic. On the Naval ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Co. Sergt-Major Pragnell, R.G.A.

2nd DIV. HONGKONG LEAGUE.

South China Athletic Reserves v. Kowloon. On the Naval or Military ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Dewhurst.

87th Co. R.G.A. v. 83rd Co. R.G.A. On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Corp. Townsend, R.E.

Selected teams:

H.K.F.C.—Rodger, Black, McCubbin, Chassels, Stewart, Carriers, Taylor, Clarke, Reichelmann, McTavish, Riis.

Navy.—Crocker, Parker, Warren, Lawson, Smith, Biggs, Travis, Warren, Neal, McNiven, Capewell.

South China Athletic.—Lau Wing Cheong, Fung Tai, Cheung Wing Hon, Chan So, Leung Yuk Fong, Leung Tai Fong, Ko Sik Wai, Kwok Po Kan, Wong Pak Chung, Tin Koon Shan, Au Kit Sang.

Royal Engineers.—Betts, Blumfield, Lawrence, Smith, A. N. Other, White, Connell, Millard, Jarvis, Townsend, Pascall.

BAR CHITS.

The following letter from the "North-China Daily News" is a contribution to a very old, old story; but it is not rather pathetic? Sir—I am sure there are many wives and mothers in Shanghai who will heartily agree with "Mariner" as to the iniquity of the chit system.

There are many men with wives and families who are drawing between \$200 and \$400 a month salary, and if those more fortunate ones who have power really know the suffering caused by husbands being allowed to sign chits everywhere, I am sure they would stir themselves to do something against it.

How the long hours of misery are passed by women is known only to themselves; whilst the husband is absent in bars or such places, and he would not be able to do this very often if the chit system were abolished. I have myself gone privately to one bar manager and prayed him not to allow my husband to sign any more chits, only to be laughed at for my trouble. A widow told me that her husband who was well known had committed suicide after a drinking bout depressed at losing his position, and his chits amounted to nearly \$1,000.

To the strong and the wealthy chits may not matter; but to the weak and the poor they are a curse.

I am, etc.,
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Shanghai, Jan. 28.

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THE SUMMARY COURT.

CHINESE FAMILY TANGLE.

Before Mr. Justice Melbourne in the Summary Court yesterday, the hearing was concluded in the case in which a Chinese woman named Shum Yik alias Shum Tze Yuek sued Tai Tung Kai claiming the sum of \$840 being twelve months' allowance for family expenses and education of the defendant's son Hon Kwai, agreed to be paid by the defendant under a Chinese agreement dated June 9, 1917. As reported in yesterday's "China Mail," the defendant contributed \$70 a month for five months and then stopped payment, alleging that the child Hon Kwai was by his father with his (defendant's) concubine.

Having completed her evidence, the plaintiff was cross-examined by Mr. Lewis, for the defendant, and in reply to counsel said she was not what could be called a learned woman. She was not well known in Canton. Replying to another question, the witness said she knew a man named Mak Lai Chu in Canton. She could not tell whether he was fairly rich. It was not true that she lived with him. Witness admitted that Mak Lai Chu was shot in Canton, but denied that she got his corpse and a good deal of his money.

Mr. Lewis: What was he shot for?

—She was on bad terms with her husband and he had her shot.

Mr. Lewis (surprised): So Mak Lai Chu was a woman?

Witness: Yes. (Laughter.)

Witness admitted that there were four of them in a party, but denied that they were well known or that they were regarded as dangerous characters.

Mr. Lewis: Mak Lai Chu committed some crime of which you were cognisant?—It was a general knowledge. Mak Lai Chu left a letter written in blood for her son. Witness did not get anything from her.

Examined as to her morality, the witness denied that she was of a loose character. It was not true that witness was always quarrelling with the defendant's wife from the time she entered his house. On the contrary, the defendant's wife treated witness well. It was not true that she (witness) had on several occasions threatened to burn the house down. She did not know how it was that in the birth certificate, Hon Kwai was represented as her son, and suggested that the defendant might be able to explain that.

The defendant in the witness box denied the plaintiff's allegations and said they were not married; the plaintiff was merely his mistress. He denied spending her money but admitted having some of her curios. Plaintiff violated her part of the agreement by refusing to let witness see the child. When eventually he saw the child by force, it was very ill and in hospital. He wished to take the child home, but the plaintiff persisted in staying at the hospital and kept the child there. He would agree to return the plaintiff's curios on condition she returned the child and two diamond rings he had given her.

Replying to his Lordship's suggestion for a settlement, Mr. Haywood said efforts to this end had come to nothing. The plaintiff wanted her money repaid, the refunding of past maintenance and provision for the future. A director of the Nanyang Tobacco Co., a chairman of the defendant, who had acted as go-between for the parties, said he did not remember the defendant having asked to see the child.

Argument was then entered into as to the meaning of the plaintiff's undertaking in the agreement to observe "the principle of womanhood." The plaintiff contending that it simply meant that she must be chaste and of good behaviour, while the defendant's version was that it imposed obedience to the head of the family, according to Chinese custom and that implied that apart from his natural right and the plaintiff's absence of any right to the boy, he must be allowed to see the child.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Haywood asked his Lordship to give a written judgment as he wished to appeal.

His Lordship said he would give a written judgment; and Mr. Lewis agreed to stay of execution pending the appeal.

HOCKEY.

ROYAL ARTILLERY CUP.

88th Co. R.G.A. v. 83rd Co. R.G.A.

A very fast encounter between these two teams took place on the Lyemum ground yesterday. Crompton opened the scoring for the victors after a lively scramble in the opposing goal ring. The 83rd Co. were very dangerous on several occasions but failed to equalise, the 88th Co. being one up at the interval. In the second half Greenbrough scored level after a fine tricky run on his own. Rollett was responsible for the final and winning goal for the 88th Co. beating the goalie at short range. Result: 88th Co. R.G.A., 2; 83rd Co. R.G.A., 1.

TINY INTERVIEWS.

Mr. L. Longinotto—The Poultry Association of Hongkong seems to have gone to pot. The Secretary has resigned.

Mr. W. Sinclair—"Pinkie" is progressing favourably but I cannot say when she will appear with "the Fairies." There is such a lot to do yet and I want some more people with ideas of their own for dancing.

Mr. J. Kennedy Gibson—The new cable service between Swatow and Hongkong is obviously no secret and the information has come from a Chinese source. Yes! I should think there are Europeans in Hongkong concerned in it, but at present I have no further information to give.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin—So you're out for one of your "Tiny Interviews." Well, I don't like interviews. My merits and demerits are sufficiently well known.

Lieut. Sykes R.G.A.—Thanks! I'm getting along nicely, but my ankle has dropped again, so they are sending me home. I am leaving in a few days.

Mr. R. A. Gubbay—Yes! Buying flowers in Flower Street is difficult. The winter has been so severe, with the result that flowers are scarce and expensive.

Mr. P. L. Knight—I wish you would remedy that loose sheet of the "China Mail." It is a nuisance.

Mr. H. W. Ray—Yes! I think "The Yankee Way" was by far the best film I have seen. It has popularised the game of "craps" in Hongkong.

Mr. F. A. Wells—We are expecting all members to attend the meeting of St. George's Society, which has been postponed until Tuesday next at 5.30 p.m. in the City Hall.

Mr. C. J. Thompson—There are 34 ocean-going ships moored at buoys in the harbour this morning, and there'll be a lot more in the future.

THE POLICE RESERVISTS CASE.

ACCUSED'S STATEMENTS.

Jose Thomas and Ricardo Antonio Remedios, Police Reservists, were again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday on a charge of demanding a sum of \$20 with threats and menaces from a Chinese woman living in 80, Gage Street.

Jose Theodoro Thomas, first accused, in the witness box, said he was employed by the Hongkong Hotel Company to supervise their new building at Repulse Bay. He was a Police Reservist and had been mentioned on three occasions for commendable service. On the evening of Jan. 8 he went to complainant's house on a visit accompanied by Remedios. He did not say to complainant anything about money. Later in the evening he left the place and went to the Stag Hotel where he was joined by the complainant, Remedios and another person. He left the hotel at 11 a.m. He denied that complainant handed them any money.

His Worship observed that the accused, being a member of the Police Reserve, had no right to visit complainant's house which he had admitted to be a sly brothel.

Ricardo Antonio Remedios, the second accused, then gave evidence. He was a foreman of the Sanitary Department, and also a Police Reservist. He corroborated Thomas's statement, but said that when the complainant put the money down on the table in the Hotel, Thomas picked it up in spite of his warning.

Cross-examined, accused maintained he was innocent of the offence. He did not report to the proper quarters about Thomas, as he was assured by the latter that it was all right.

His Worship reserved judgment until to-morrow.

ANOTHER COLLISION IN HARBOUR.

The Kowloon Godown launch "Seagull," early yesterday morning was proceeding under steam in the fairway between Nos. 5 and 7 Buoys when she collided with a Conservancy dust junk, and sank on an even keel. There was, happily, no loss of life, the crew of the "Seagull" having sufficient time to get on to the junk before the launch sank. The junk received some damage and was towed by a Police launch into the Yau-mehi shelter.

REVIEW.

CHINA AND THE BARBARIANS.

International Relations of China, by H. B. Morse. 3 vols. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.

The "China Mail" sometime ago reviewed the first volume of this solid and useful work by Mr. Morse. It was finished in 1910, and entitled "The Period of Conflict," bringing the history of China's relations with outside peoples up to 1890. Two other volumes are now to hand from Messrs Kelly & Walsh, "The Period of Submission 1891-1894," and "The Period of Subjection 1894-1911." Any one who remembers Mr. Morse's work on the "Trade and Administration of China" will expect these volumes to be as competent and solid, and will not be disappointed. As they hardly lend themselves to quotation, we append here what Mr. J. O. P. Bland had to say of them in the "commemorative number of the 'L and C. Express'." For those of us who have spent a considerable portion of our life in China, and have thus acquired, as most men do in such case, sincere affection for the Chinese people, there is but little satisfaction to be derived from contemplation of the cycle of Cathay commemorated in this anniversary number of the London and China Express. I have just concluded reading the latest version of the history of this period, "The International Relations of the Chinese Empire," compiled by Mr. H. B. Morse, in a masterly and monumental work. He divides the last seventy years into three epochs—a volume for each—whereof the true but melancholy titles are "The Period of Conflict (1834-1839), the Period of Submission (1851-1893), and the Period of Subjection 1894-1911," and his work ends with the lamentable conclusion that "the Manchu Empire fell, leaving to the Republic, which was erected on its ruins, an inheritance of disorder and corrupt administration and a status of subjection to the Foreign Powers." All through this prolonged period of disruption, this twilight of the Gods of the East, there have never been lacking sincere friends of China, like Sir Robert Hart, who looked forward with confidence to the effective awakening of the country and the speedy regeneration of its political and social systems, men who believed, and who hoped against hope until the end, in the sincerity and capacity of Young China to emerge successfully from the chaos of corruption and disorder, which may be said to have been chronic since the "Taping rebellion." But for us to-day, looking back over these sixty years, and seeing how completely all these hopes have been falsified by the existing situation, it is not easy to avoid the conclusion that it would have been far better for the long-suffering Chinese people if the influence of their foreign friends and counsellors had been more practically corrective, less sentimentally sympathetic.

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HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E.

COMMAND.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has granted six months' leave to Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P.R., and has directed that Mr. J. W. Franks, A.S.P.R. and 2nd in Command, shall take command of the Police Reserve Force during such leave or until further orders. Above to take effect as from February 17th.

INSPECTOR.

All ranks except except Mounted Police, will parade on the H.K. Defence Corps Headquarters Parade Ground (next Colonial Secretary's Office) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15th.

Mounted Police will parade as directed.

Blue Uniform, helmets with spikes, belts, rifles; Superintendents and Inspectors wear swords and belts. Patrolmen on duty and General Exempts will attend.

COMPANY & PLATOON PARADES.

Central Station, 5.30 p.m. Uniform, helmets with spikes (not caps as previously ordered), belts and rifles. General Exempts will attend. Monday, February 10.—No 2 Company.

Tuesday, February 11.—Ambulance Platoon with wheeled Ambulances.

ABSENTEES.

All absentees from parades of units ordered for February 5th, 6th, 7th, and 10th will attend at Central at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12th.—Dress as above.

SUPERINTENDENTS, INSPECTORS AND UNIT COMMANDERS.

All Superintendents, Inspectors and Unit Commanders will attend at H.Q. Office on Thursday, February 13th, at 6 p.m.

RAND PRACTICE.

Friday, February 14 at 6 p.m. The practice ordered for Tuesday, February 11 is cancelled.

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HAIPHONG	Thursday, 28th Feb. at 3 p.m.
TAITOKU MARU	Saturday, 8th February.
KEELUNG, TAKAO via SWATOW, AMOY	
For SWATOW via SWATOW and AMOY.	
For KILUNG via SWATOW and AMOY.	
KOJIMA MARU	Sunday, 10th Feb. at 10 a.m.
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HAIPHONG	LOSSANG	TUESDAY, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	KWANGSANG	TUESDAY, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	HINSANG	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m.
MANILA	YUNSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	YANGSANG	SATURDAY, Mar. 1, at 3 p.m.

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Empress of Japan 7th May. 28th May.

Empress of Asia 22nd May. 9th June.

Monteagle 10th June. 4th July.

Empress of Russia 19th June. 7th July.

Empress of Japan 2nd July. 23rd July.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.

No. 495 Pte. J.E. Hamilton, "B" Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 4th February, 1919.

LEAVE.

C.S.M. W.J. Rattey, "B" Company, is granted 10 months' leave, from 1.3.19.

L/Cpl. D. MacCrae, Eng. Company, is granted 12 months' leave, from 20.3.19.

Pte. J.N.R. Allan, M. Gun Company, is granted 9 months' leave, from 31.3.19.

Pte. P. Oliver, "B" Company, is granted 7 months' leave, from 1.3.19.

EQUIPMENT BOARD.

The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 to 6 p.m., on the following dates:—Monday, 10th February, Friday, 21st February, Monday, 3rd March.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, Y.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.

Sub-Calibre Practices for both half Companies.

Sunday, 9th February. At Belchers. Parade at Belchers Battery at 9.30 a.m.

Monday, 10th February. At Pakshawan. Hongkong members parade at Blake Pier at 4.55 p.m.

Quarry Bay members parade at Quarry Bay at 5.15 p.m. under Captain W. Murray Scott.

Parade at Belchers Battery.

Friday, 14th February.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full Drill.

5.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full Drill.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

Members as detailed by C. S. M. will parade at Lyemum Port at 6 p.m. on the following dates:—10th, 12th and 19th February.

Officer on duty on 10th Lieut. Hill.

Officer on duty on 12th Lieut. Stevenson.

Officer on duty on 19th Captain Russell.

A launch will leave Blake Pier at 5 p.m. and return after run is completed on each of the above dates.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

Wednesday, 12th February.—5.00 p.m.

The following N.C.O. and men who were attached to the Engineer Company will parade at Kennedy Road Range, T. E. T. Grouping:—

Lee, Cpl. Murray, Ptes. F. H. Smith, R. H. Farmer, P. T. Rozario, D. Ritchie and W. B. Hind. Dress!

Drill order without rifles. Officer in Charge, Captain H. W. Kennet, V.D.

The following N.C.O.s will attend:—Sergt. Edmonds and Corp. Cassidy.

Friday, 14th Feb.—5.15 p.m.—N.C.O.s and men who were attached to the Engineer Company (except those who have completed their Annual Course or T.E.T.) and Casuals (those who have not yet completed their T.E.T.) will parade on Murray Parade Ground. Dress. Drill order with pouches and dummies. Officer in Charge—Captain Kennet, V.D.

The following N.C.O.s will attend:—Sergt. Edmonds and Corp. Northey.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.

Monday, 10th February.—4.15 p.m.

Part 3, Practices 15 and 16 at King's Park Range, for all N.C.O.s and men in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Platoons who have completed T. E. T. (or are exempted from passing them) and have not fired these practices. Dress. Drill order with pouches. Platoons etc. Commanders will see that every man who has to fire attends. Officer in Charge, Lieut. Beswick. Two N.C.O.s from No. 5 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

"B" COMPANY.

Sunday, 9th February.—7.30 a.m.

No. 7 Platoon (M. C. O.s and men who wish to fire at Quarry Bay at Talkoo Rifle Range. Annual Musketty Course, Part 2, Practices, 7, 9 and 12.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Tuesday, 11th February.—5.10 p.m.

Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Guns, M. G. Grill at headquarters. Dress. Clean fatigue with putties.

Friday, 14th February.—5.10 p.m.

Nos. 1 and 2 Guns, M. G. Grill at Kowloon Docks. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m. Dress, as above.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Monday, 10th February.—5.15 p.m.

At Jockey Club Stables. Dress. Drill order.

"D" COMPANY.

Friday, 14th February.—5.15 p.m.

No. 14 Section at Kennedy Road Range. T.E.T. Grouping. Dress. Drill order without rifles.

Orders for Cadet Company, by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Board.

PARADES.

Monday, 10th February.—5.15 p.m.

Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Kennedy Road Range. Band Practice at headquarters.

Wednesday, 12th February. 5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Gun

THE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY IN COMMERCE.

Mr. J. C. H. Macbeth, the Manager of The Marconi International Code Co., Ltd., writes in the commemorative issue of the "L. & C. Express"—Although it is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the problem presented by people having to do business with people using a different language, it is surprising how little attention has been given to this question in this country.

Anyone who takes even a superficial interest in this problem speedily realises how much business has been irretrievably lost by our well-known reluctance to study foreign languages, combined with a certain amount of insular pride in the preponderance of English speaking people. Even the fact that many of our Ambassadors and Ministers to foreign countries could not speak the language of the countries in which they were supposed to represent British interests evoked little, or only passing, comment, although those of us who have lived in the East know how unsatisfactory it is to transact important business with the aid of translators.

At the beginning of the propaganda campaign tons of pamphlets were wasted before the necessity was realised of printing them in the language of the intended reader. The Germans recognised the value of acquiring a knowledge of the language of the countries with whom they desired to trade, and I am confident, no business man in any part of the world was solicited for orders by a German who did not address him in the local language or dialect. They also were always careful to publish their catalogues and trade literature in the language of the countries they wished to exploit.

Esperanto, Ido, or any artificial language can never remedy the difficulty without international legislation—a very remote prospect—so, when I undertook the compilation of the Marconi Code, I resolved that no business firm in any of the chief countries of the world would receive a cablegram or radiogram without being able to decode it in their own languages, and I also designed the Code so that it could be employed for correspondence, thereby obviating the necessity of entrusting important private letters to outside translators with obvious danger of leakage. It remains to be seen how far I have succeeded in my endeavour to overcome the language barrier that has proved such a formidable obstacle to us in our business relations with foreign countries, but I think I may, without being unduly egotistic or optimistic, claim to have laid the foundation, at least, of an International and Commercial language, which possesses the unique advantage, of not requiring to be learned or studied; in fact, a junior clerk who has never before seen a Code can, without any trouble, write a letter or send a cable to a Japanese merchant who can just as easily read it in his own language, and, similarly, Russians or Frenchmen can correspond with Italians or Portuguese.

Club Hill Range. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

Saturday, 15th February, 3.30 p.m.

The Full Company will parade at Headquarters. Review Order. 3.30 p.m. Ralph's Cup Competition at Kennedy Road Range.

G. E. Stewart, Captain.

Adjutant, H. K. Defence Corps.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1919.

AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS BY MAJOR H. A. MORGAN.

1.—(a) The attention of all concerned is drawn to Section 7 (2) of the Military Service Ordinance 1917, which is republished for information:—

"(2) Every member of Hongkong Defence Corps who attains the age of fifty-five years while being a member of the said Corps, shall upon attaining that age be discharged unless he elects to continue to be subject to military service."

After the honourable service they have rendered during the War—the General Officer Commanding is of opinion they need have no hesitation now in availing themselves of the terms of the Act.

(b)—All men who have passed their 45th birthday will be excused all parades until further notice. N.B. Any man wishing to do Musketry can do so voluntarily.

(c)—All men who have passed their 41st birthday will be required to do Musketry, and the parades requisite for T.E.T. only.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1919.

THE "SHELL" COMPANY AND THE WAR.

The Petroleum Review shows the remarkable part which petroleum products have played in connection with the European war. M. Berengy, the Commissioner-General of Petroleum in France, at the recent Government dinner at Lancaster House, not only thanked the various large petroleum companies both of this country and the United States, but he laid particular stress upon the invaluable international assistance which had been rendered by Mr. H. W. T. Deterding and the "Shell" group of interests in connection with the supply of oil to the various Allied Governments for high explosives purposes, without which, he asserted, the war could not possibly have been won by the Allies. That oil exists in various petroleum has been known for some years, but we are safe in saying that there is no known petroleum from which so large a percentage of oil could be removed as from the heavy Borneo petroleum.

The important discovery was made while we were at peace with the world, and possibly for this reason the British authorities declined the offer which was made to them at the time by the "Shell" group. Eventually, however, the offer was made to the French Government, when it was accepted with an open hand. Prior to the final closing of the agreement—and it is this step which speaks volumes for the patriotism of the gentlemen in charge of the "Shell" interests—the British Government was again approached. Meanwhile, the Explosives Department, under Lord Moulton, had been searching in vain for oil in large and practically unlimited quantities yet unable to find it, and as a consequence the output of high explosives had obviously been restricted. This time the offer of the "Shell" was eagerly accepted, and arrangements were forthwith made whereby this country received, we believe, considerably over one-half of the total quantities available, the rest going to our Allies. The output of high explosives was immediately increased. In another direction, the "Shell" has rendered signal service to the country and its Allies, and this is in regard to oil fuel supplies. The "Shell" group was alone responsible for the introduction of liquid fuel oil, and going back nearly twenty years, it was they who arranged facilities for a representative of the British Government to witness the performance of liquid fuel at sea, one of the Government engineers undertaking a voyage round the Cape on the oil-tanker "Murex," which was running on liquid fuel.

It took a long time for the Government to make up its mind. To-day practically all the capital vessels of the Navy have passed from coal to oil, for oil always has immense supplies of liquid fuel available for Admiralty needs is self-evident. During the war, when oil-tankers were specially marked targets for the enemy submarines, our liquid fuel stocks fell to an alarming extent, and Earl Curzon of Kedleston is authority for the statement that the exercises of the Grand Fleet had to be curtailed in consequence. It was at this moment that the "Shell" Company put forward the policy—which had years ago been adopted for carrying oil fuel from the Far East—of carrying the necessary liquid fuel in the double-bottoms of the vessel. The idea was acted upon without delay, and at the signing of the armistice over 1,000,000 tons of liquid fuel had been carried in this way, and this within 18 months. As a result, the whole military situation was saved, and a position which had been viewed with official alarm was effectively removed. The whole credit for this must go to the "Shell" group, for it was under the policy which they laid down that several hundred ordinary cargo vessels have been so converted as to carry liquid fuel in their double bottoms, in addition to the standard ships under construction. This new fleet is equal to the services of at least 100 oil-tankers. This enormous possibilities in this direction may be judged when it is mentioned that the Vaterland (interned for so long by the United States) is now capable of carrying several thousand tons of liquid fuel in her double bottom on one voyage. As a fitting memento of valued services rendered in this connection the Admiralty has presented Mr. Zulver, the marine superintendent of the "Shell" group, with a handsome service of silver, for it was under his able supervision the majority of the conversions of the vessels were carried out. The above are interesting facts which it is now possible to give to the world. They unmistakably show how petroleum products have been responsible for giving us the victory; they also speak eloquently of the enormous services rendered to the civilised world by the petroleum industry as a whole, and particularly of that patriotism displayed by Sir Marcus Samuel and his colleagues controlling the "Shell" group.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 7d. 12h. 40m.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. Forecast has decreased slightly to moderately at all reporting stations; the anticyclone continues to move eastward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1, 1.14 inches, against an average of 1.89 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on February 8, 1919.

1.—Hongkong to Cap. Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally, some rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 7, 1919. a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Nagasaki.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Rikobato.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Tokio.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Kochi.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Nagasaki.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Kagoshima.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Oshima.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Saba.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
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Bonin Island.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Weihaiwei.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
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Chungking.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
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Taipei.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Tientsin.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Koosun.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Pescadores.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Canton.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Hongkong.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Capitop.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Yokohama.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Wuchow.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Pakhoi.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Hoihow.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Phuhen.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Tomato.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
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Hilo.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Surigao.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Guaya.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b
Labuan.	8 a.	30.04	39	88	W	3	b

COMMERCIAL.

JAPANESE CONDENSED MILK.

The present demand for condensed milk in Japan amounts to some £8,000,000 a year in value. Before the war, the larger portion of it was supplied by the United States and Switzerland, but because of the difficulty in securing supplies from these sources, the Japanese condensed milk industry was greatly developed, and the output now is valued at about ¥1,600,000 to ¥1,700,000 a year, thus causing the imports to be largely diminished. The probability is that in the near future no foreign condensed milk will appear in the Japanese market.

RUBBER REPORTS.

In the report issued by Rubana Rubber Estates a profit is shown for the year of £30,130—say, about 14½ per cent, on the capital—out of which a dividend is declared of 10 per cent. Rubana is a first-class estate. Its present par capitalisation of £80 per acre will, when the labour supply permits, be reduced by extensions to the planted area; the shares are a thoroughly sound investment. Sempah, which has a par capitalisation of £60 10s. per acre, has earned 14 per cent., but the directors are distributing only 5 per cent.

A profit of nearly 17 per cent. has been earned by Victoria Malaya (whose 6d. shares are unique in the rubber market), although here again caution leads the board to distribute no more than 5 per cent.

Ceylon Latex and Produce, in reducing its dividend from 35 per cent. to 20 per cent., expresses the dissatisfaction very generally felt by the market at the unfair operation of the Government control of latex. The company, however, has not done badly in the circumstances, and will do very much better when freed in action is restored.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE INDUSTRY.

Speeches at rubber company meetings have during the past few months gradually grown more and more optimistic, and rubber shareholders will find an interesting review of the present position in the remarks made by Mr. Frank Copeman in November, at the meeting of the Eastern International Trust. All the rubber-consuming countries, Mr. Copeman reminds us, with the exception of Great Britain and the United States, are short of supplies, and are living from hand to mouth. The American stocks have already been considerably reduced, and as to Germany and Austria, whatever view we may take about trading with those countries, they will by some means certainly obtain the supplies they require. While admittedly our accumulated stocks are large, they are not, concludes Mr. Copeman, unwieldy in view of post-war developments.

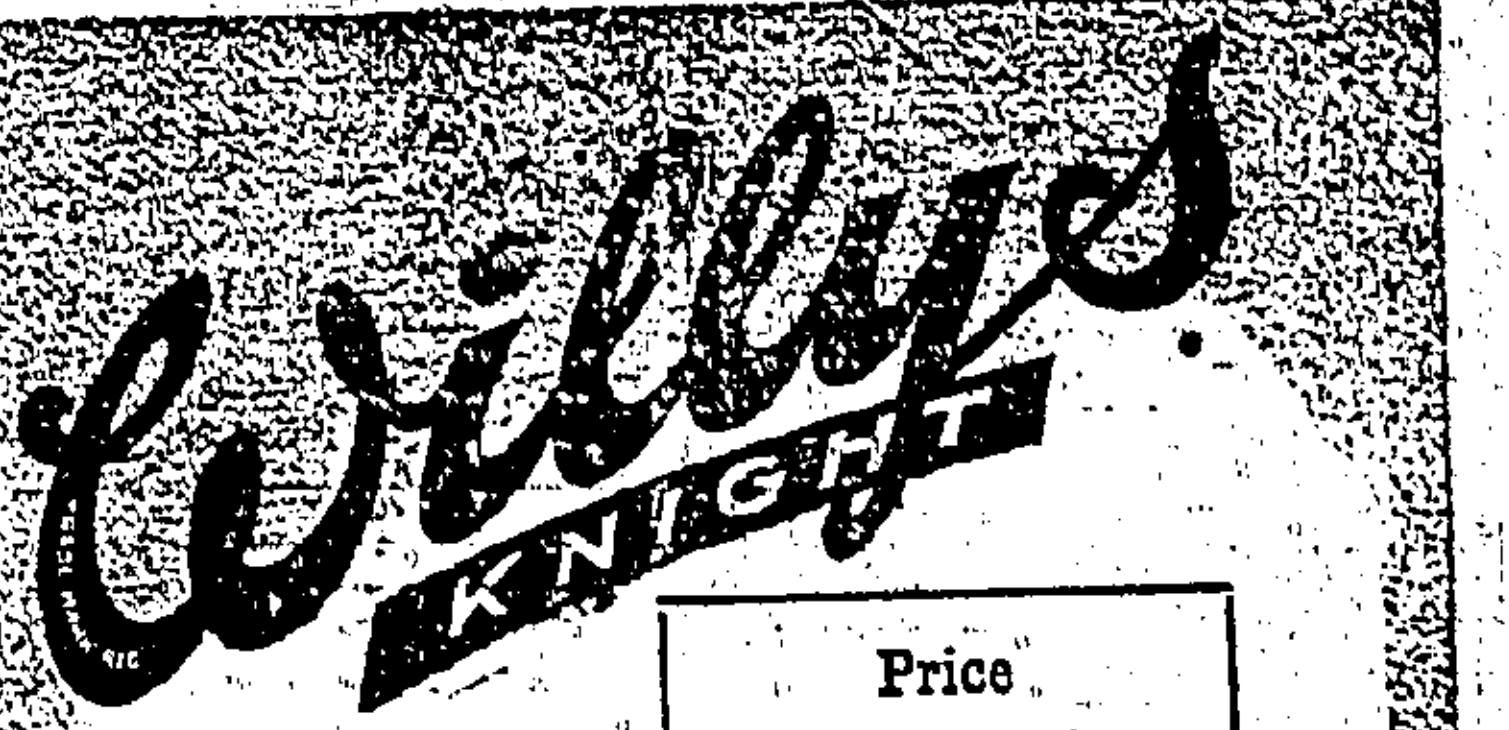
It is worth noting, perhaps, that the enormous numbers of motor cars used by the British Army in France are now to be sold for commercial purposes. No doubt other Governments will follow a similar course, thus giving a considerable impetus to motor transport throughout Europe.

COMMERCIAL.

THE RUBBER SITUATION.

It is understood that at the request of the Rubber Growers' Association the official Rubber Commission recently appointed in the East have decided not to proceed further with the proposal to restrict tapping on the plantations or to fix minimum selling prices, says "Truth." So far as the East is concerned, therefore, the leaders

of the industry still have the sole control in their own hands. It seems probable that the experience of the last few months is not to be wasted; the organisation of the plantation industry so as to avoid temporary over-production is now receiving a good deal of attention, and it is hoped that before long a practical scheme will be adopted by the leading groups of British and Dutch planters.



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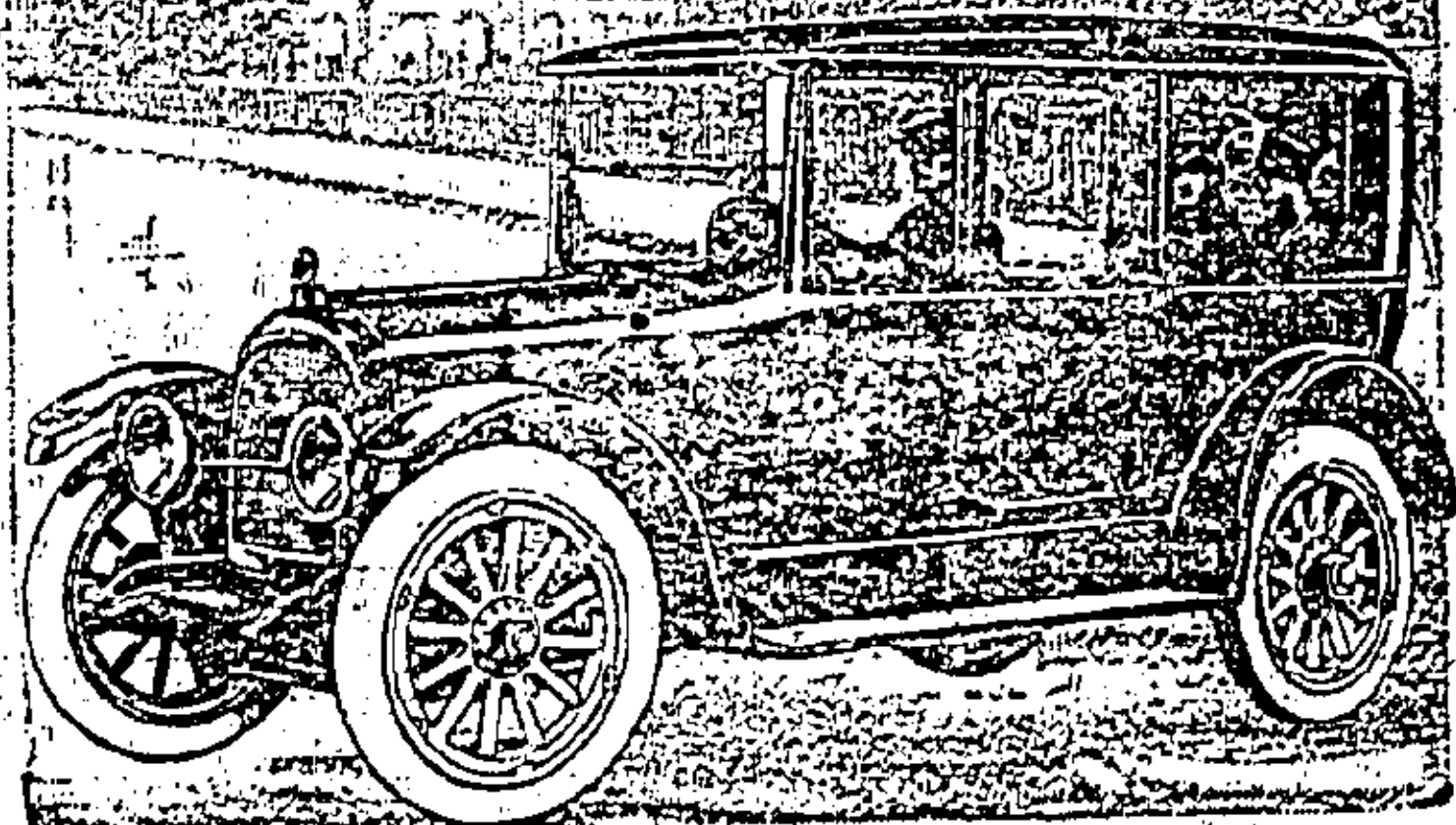
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INFORMATION.

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WEEK DATES.	
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Every 30 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
NIGHT CARS.	
8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.
11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.	
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.

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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 7, 1919.	
On London—	Bank, Wire ... 3/3
	On demand ... 3/3
	30 days sight ... 3/3
	4 months sight ... 3/3
	Credit, 4 months sight ... 3/4
	Documentary, 4 months sight ... 3/4
On Paris—	On demand ... 420
	Credit, 4 months sight ... 437
On New York—	On demand ... 77
	Credit, 60 days sight ... 77
On Bombay—	On demand ... nom.
	Wire ... nom.
On Calcutta—	On demand ... nom.
	Wire ... nom.
On Singapore—	On demand ... 127 1/2
On Manila—	On demand ... 155
On Shanghai—	On demand ... nom.
	20 days sight (private paper) ... nom.
On Yokohama—	On demand ... 140
	Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola) ... 44.0
	Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ... 6.10
	On demand ... 16 1/2
	Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 15 1/2 p.m.
	Chinese Copper Cash ... 1 1/2 p.m.
	Chinese Copper Cent ... 8 p.m.
	Rate of Native Interest ... 7 1/2 p.m.
	Chinese Exchange ... 15 1/2 p.m.
	Hongkong Set. Gold ... par

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 7th FEBRUARY, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

Hongkong Bank	... 725 b. 700 ss.
MARINE INSURANCE.	
Canton Ins.	... 3410 w.
North China Ins.	... T. 124 b.
Union Ins.	... 3410 w.
Yokohama Ins.	... 3405 b.
Far Easterns	... T. 32 b.
FIRE INSURANCE.	
China Fire Ins.	... 1162 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	... 3354 n.
MERCHANTS.	
Douglases	... 336 a.
Indo Steamboats	... 331 b.
Indo-China (Frei.)	... 331 b.
Indo-China (Coat)	... 331 b.
Shell Transport	... 143/6 b.
Star Ferries	... 333 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
China Sugars	... 1106 b.
Malabar Sugars	... 339 b.
GOLD.	
Kallian Mining Adm.	... 37/- b.
Lancha	... T. 31 a.
H. & R. Wharfe	... 371 a.
H. & W. Docks	... 1129
Shai Docks	... T. 134 b.
New Engineering	... T. 25 b.
LUXES, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estate	... 1101
Shanghai Hotels	... 330
Hongkong Lands	... 3771
Himphreys	... 371 a.
Kowloon Lands	... 332
Land Reclamations	... T. 123 b.
West Point	... 1183
CORRUM MIXES.	
Shanghai	... T. 170
Kung Yik	... 114
Lau Kung Mow	... 1171
Oriental	... 353
Shanghai Cottons	... 1155
Yangtzeop	... 350

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
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PARIS CONFERENCE.

MEAGRE DETAILS.

London, February 3rd.
A Paris communiqué, dated February 3rd, states:—
There was a full attendance of the representatives of the Great Powers, also representatives from Belgium, Serbia, Rumania, Greece and Poland, at today's meeting, when a Commission to enquire into breaches of the laws of war was appointed.
Upon the suggestion of Mr. Lansing, after he accepted the Presidency of the Commission, three Sub-Committees were appointed, one to investigate the facts, and the other two the questions of law.
Paris, February 3rd.
The chief matter of interest in today's League of Nations Commission meeting, in which President Wilson presided, was the fact that the action to be taken by the Conference as regards the German Colonies necessitates the presentation as early as possible of a definite plan as to the disposition of the League.
The British representatives were Lord Robert Cecil and General Smuts.
HAWAII VERSION.
Paris, January 28th.
A Hawaii message says:—
Various Commissioners have been informed that their reports on great questions, such as the amount Germany must pay, and the ex-Kaiser's responsibility, must be completed before President Wilson returns to America.
The discussion continued yesterday as regards the final disposal of the Colonies captured by the British Dominions, and the Pacific Islands captured by Japan.
Mr. W. M. Hughes, for Australia, General Botha, for South Africa, and two Chinese delegates, joined in discussing the disposal of the Colonies in which they are vitally interested.
Paris, February 3rd.
Sir William Orpen, official painter for the British Government at the Peace Conference, has been named as the artist for the Peace Conference.
CZECHS AND POLES.
London, February 3rd.
A communiqué from Paris, dated February 3rd, states that the representatives of the Great Powers, regarding the conflict between the Czechs and the Poles regarding the Teschen District, in consequence of which the mining districts of Ostrava and Karwin, and the railway from Obergberg to Teschen and Jablungkau, have been occupied by the Czechs, make the following declaration:—
Nationalities submitting territorial questions to the Peace Conference are reminded that they must not occupy any territory which they claim.
Pending the decision of the Conference that part of the railway line, northward of Teschen and the mining regions, will remain occupied by the Czechs, while the southern section of the railway line, including the town of Teschen, down to Jablungkau, will be entrusted to the Poles.
The representatives of the Powers consider it necessary to send a Commission of Control to investigate conflicts in the Teschen Region, and to conduct an inquiry upon which the Peace Conference will base its decision regarding the Czech and Polish frontiers in this zone.
The Czechs are required to carry out the promise of their representatives to place at the disposition of the Poles all available war material, and to grant them facilities for the transit of arms and ammunition.
An Allied Commission will supervise the output of the mines in the Karwin and Ostrava districts, securing the Poles an equitable share.
The local administration will continue its functions, and political elections and conscription will be suspended in the principality of Teschen, pending the decision of the Peace Conference.
FRENCH WOMEN WANT A VOICE.
Paris, January 28th.
A Havas message says:—
Before leaving Paris for Bern, Mr. Ador, the President of the Swiss Confederation, was entertained by the principal members of the Peace Conference at luncheon. He made a moving speech.
A Havas message says:—
President Wilson received a delegation of French suffragettes and promised to give them a hearing at the Peace Conference.
The women wish to have a voice in the making of a people's peace.
NOTABLE FRENCH FLYING FEAT.
Paris, January 28th.
A Havas message says:—
The anxiety which was felt concerning the fate of two daring French aviators who flew across the Mediterranean on Sunday morning has been relieved by news of their safety. Nothing had been heard of them since their departure from Algeria.
They landed on the Spanish coast on Sunday evening.
The double flight covered 1,400 kilometres, at averages of 150 kilometres per hour.
"TON JO."
Paris, January 28th.
A Havas message says:—
M. Caillaux will be officially inter-regated on Thursday next by the President of the Investigating Committee of the High Court of Justice.
PRESIDENT WILSON.
Paris, February 3rd.
President Wilson was brilliantly received in the Chamber of Deputies. The House was packed. The audience included Mr. Lloyd George and other Delegates.
U.S.A.
WASHINGTON, February 4th.
A Conference of the Senate and the House of Representatives have agreed to a Bill for opening up fifty million acres of oil, gas and coal lands in the Western States and Alaska.
LIBERAL PARTY.
London, February 4th.
A meeting of twenty-three Independent Liberal members of the House of Commons, elected by Sir Donald MacLean, Chairman of the Party, after a heated debate, in which much criticism was levelled at "leaders who refused to lead," some speakers questioned Mr. Asquith's right to nominate the Party Whip.

BOATS DUE TO ARRIVE AND DEPART.

VESSELS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FEBRUARY 8.
TENYO MARU, T.K.K., from San Francisco, with mail.
FEBRUARY 10.
HOKUTO MARU, D. & Co., from Japan.
PYRHEUS, B. and S., from Liverpool.
ATREUS, B. and S., from Liverpool.
FEBRUARY 11.
NOVARA, P. & O., from London.
FEBRUARY 12.
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA, Canadian Pacific, from Vancouver, with mail.
FEBRUARY 13.
YAMAGATA MARU, N.Y.K., from Calcutta, with mail.
FEBRUARY 14.
TAISHO MARU, N.Y.K., from Calcutta, with mail.
FEBRUARY 15.
BANRI MARU, D. & Co., from Java.
FEBRUARY 18.
KAMAKURA MARU, N.Y.K., from Japan, with mail.
FEBRUARY 19.
COLOMBIA, Pacific Mail, from San Francisco, with mail.
FEBRUARY 20.
YETOROFU MARU, N.Y.K., from Calcutta, with mail.
FEBRUARY 21.
ELEPHOR, B. and S., from Liverpool.
HECTOR, B. and S., from Liverpool.
FEBRUARY 22.
TANGO MARU, N.Y.K., from Australia, with mail.
FEBRUARY 23.
NORE, P. and O., from Yokohama.
FEBRUARY 25.
SHENYO MARU, T.K.K., from San Francisco, with mail.
AGAPENOR, B. and S., from Liverpool.
MARCH 1.
LAOMEDON, B. and S., from Liverpool.
MARCH 3.
RIOJUN MARU, D. & Co., from Japan, with mail.
MARCH 8.
ANYO MARU, T.K.K., from Valparaiso.
MARCH 10.
BORNEO MARU, D. & Co., from Java, with mail.
FUSHIMI MARU, N.Y.K., from Seattle, with mail.
MARCH 15.
PROTESILAU, B. and S., from Singapore.
NANKIN, China Mail, from San Francisco, with mail.

DEPARTING VESSELS.

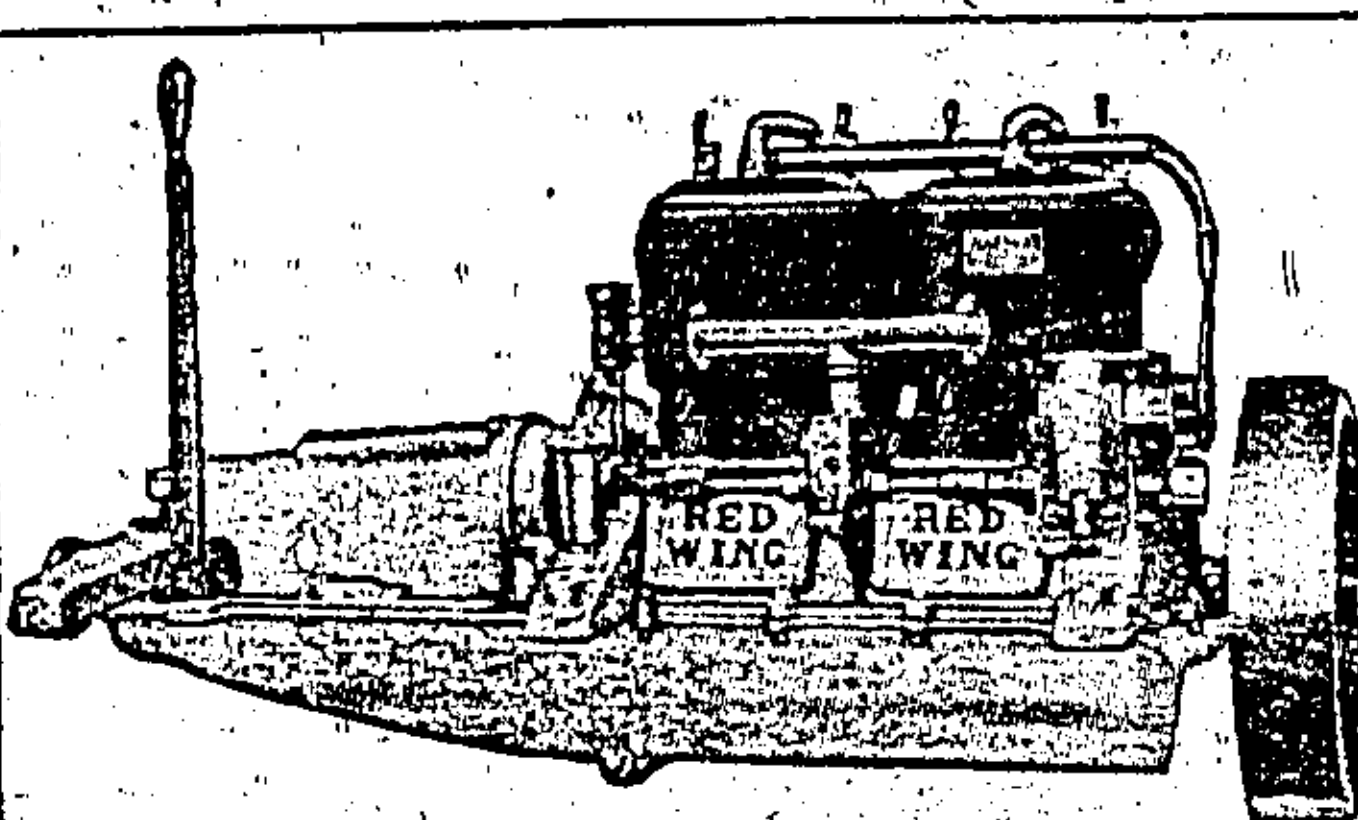
FEBRUARY 7.
CH. NA, China Mail, for San Francisco, via Japan and Honolulu.
MATANG, J.M., for Sandakan.
CYCLOPS, B. and S., for Seattle.
FEBRUARY 11.
PYRHEUS, B. and S., for Japan, via Shanghai.
ATREUS, B. and S., for Japan, via Shanghai.
DUNERA, P. and O., for Bombay.
INDUS MARU, O.S.K., for Marseilles.
FEBRUARY 12.
NOVARA, P. and O., for Yokohama.
HOUTO MARU, D. and Co., for Japan.
TENYO MARU, T.K.K., for San Francisco.
HINSANG, J.M., for Singapore.
TENYO MARU, T.K.K., for San Francisco.
FEBRUARY 14.
YAMAGATA MARU, N.Y.K., for Japan.
FEBRUARY 15.
SUMATRA MARU, O.S.K., for Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.
TAISHO MARU, N.Y.K., for Japan.
FEBRUARY 17.
MISHIMA MARU, N.Y.K., for London.
FEBRUARY 18.
BANRI MARU, D. and Co., for Japan.
FEBRUARY 19.
KAMAKURA MARU, N.Y.K., for Australia.
FEBRUARY 20.
COLOMBIA, Pacific Mail, for San Francisco.
FEBRUARY 21.
YETOROFU MARU, N.Y.K., for Japan.
FEBRUARY 22.
TANGO MARU, N.Y.K., for Nagasaki.
FEBRUARY 23.
NORE, P. and O., for London, via Marseilles.
FEBRUARY 25.
AFRICA MARU, O.S.K., for Victoria.
TEIRESIAS, B. and S., for London.
FEBRUARY 26.
AGAPENOR, B. and S., for Japan, via Shanghai.
FEBRUARY 27.
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA, Canadian Pacific, for Vancouver.
FEBRUARY 28.
DJIPANOS, J.C.J.L., for Java.
MARCH 2.
LAOMEDON, B. and S., for Japan.
MARCH 3.
RIOJUN MARU, D. & Co., for Java.
SHENYO MARU, T.K.K., for San Francisco.
MARCH 11.
HYSON, B. and S., for London.
ATREUS, B. and S., for Liverpool.
MARCH 13.
BORNEO MARU, D. & Co., for Japan.
MARCH 18.
PROTESILAU, B. and S., for Seattle.
MARCH 21.
ANYO MARU, T.K.K., for South America.
MARCH 25.
PYRHEUS, B. and S., for London.
MARCH 27.
FUSHIMI MARU, N.Y.K., for Seattle.
NANKIN, China Mail, for San Francisco.

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POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic communication with Waikei Lighthouse was restored at 11.35 this morning.
The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.
It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.
The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.
No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.
The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (as in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.
Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.
Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Union, Vicenza, Treviso Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces) and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Fethiye, French Somal Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.
Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

INWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, February 8.
Manila and U.S.A.—Per TENYO MARU, Tuesday, February 11.
Straits—Per NOVARA.

OUTWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, February 8.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per KUNG PING, 9 a.m.
Saigon—Per SHINFOO, 9 a.m.
Canton—Per CHONGYU, 9 a.m.
Bangkok—Per CHONGYU, 9 a.m.
Sandakan—Per MAUSANG, 9 a.m.
Japan via Kobe, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via Canada—Per CYCLOPS, Registration 8.45 a.m., Letters 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—Per BORNEO MARU, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1 p.m.
Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per TENYO MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.
Saigon—Per HANAMET, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China—Per WINGANG, 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, February 9.
Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO MARU, 9 a.m.
MONDAY, February 10.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per JOSHIN MARU, 8 a.m.
TUESDAY, February 11.
Shanghai and North China—Per SINNIANG, 11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok and India via Calcutta—Per KWANGSANG, 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, February 12.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per TENYO MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 5.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, February 13.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUYANG, 11 a.m.
FRIDAY, February 14.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 1 p.m.
SATURDAY, February 15.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 2 p.m.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILES.

OUTWARD.

For	Week-Days	Sundays & Holidays
Tai O	10.30 A.M. 10.30 A.M.	
Tai Po	10.00 A.M. 10.00 A.M.	
Cheung Chow	10.30 P.M. 11.00 A.M.	
	Saturday	
	1.00 P.M.	

Shataukok, Shatin, Sheungshui, Antau, King Shan & Shatin, 4.00 P.M. 11.00 A.M.
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Tai Ping	8.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Tung	8.00 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Shak Ki	8.00 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Kongmoon	8.00 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Kunchuk	8.00 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Kaukwai	8.00 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Eraser	8.00 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.	
Wanchow	4.00 P.M. 4.00 P.M. 4.00 P.M.	

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NING PO, Brit, 1,228 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. Threlwell, Wo Fat, 644.
UWAIWA MARU, Jap, 683 tons, from Karatsu, Capt. Masuda, Y.K.K.
MIKEMI MARU, Jap, 374 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Kawaguchi, Sanuki, West Point.
CLEANANCES.

FEBRUARY 6, 1919.

HANOL, French, noon, for Haiphong, Lapeque.
NINPO, Brit, noon, for Canton, B. & S.
SUNNING, Brit, 11.30 a.m., for Shanghai, B. & S.
TOYO MARU, Nor, 3 Jap, 11 a.m., for Singapore, M.B.K.
KAIKONG, Brit, noon, for Haiphong, B. & S.
SHUN SHING, Chi, 4.30 p.m., for K.C. Wan via Macao, Po On.
HANYANG, Brit, 1 p.m., for Macao, B. & S.
BANYER, Amer, 2 p.m., for Manila, Chu Tai Long.
GLENVY, Brit, 5 p.m., for Shanghai, J.M.
WING HANG, Chi, 5 p.m., for K.C. Wan via Macao, Fat Hing.

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